Terrorist Activities in Northern India

811. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of terrorist activities in the country are increasing day-by-day especially in Northern India;

(b) if so, how many innocent citizens have died during the last one year;

(c) whether Government are planning to form Special Task Force to dig out the terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There has been a definite decrease in terms of the number of incidents of terrorist violence, civilians and security forces killed in J&K. However, there have been four major incidents of terror during the current year. These are serial bomb blasts in Paharganj, Sarojini Nagar Market and near Okhla bus stop Kalkaji in Delhi (29.10.2005), bomb blast on shramjeevi Express at Hariharpur Railway crossing, Jaunpur Section, Uttar Pradesh (28.7.2005), unsuccessful terrorist attack at Ram Janam Bhoomi Babri Masjid Complex in Ayodhya (5.7.2005) and twin bomb blasts in two Cinema Halls in Delhi (22.5.2005).

(b) to (d) During the current year (upto 31.10.2005) the number of civilians killed is 490 in J&K, 66 in serial bomb blasts and 1 in twin cinema bomb blasts in Delhi. In Uttar Pradesh, 14 civilians were killed in the Shramjeevi Express bomb blast and 1 civilian killed and 1 civilian succumbed to injuries later in the terrorist attack at Ram Janam Bhoomi Babri Masjid Complex in Ayodhya. In order to check the activities of the terrorists, militants and insurgents, almost all the State Governments have constituted Special Cells/Special Task Forces.

Attack on Minorities

812. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the number of incidents where institutions and people belonging to Minorities were attacked;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the incident in Kerala where a Bishop's House was attacked and damaged;